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TOPIC	Command Post Exercise in the Area of Finsterwalde		50X1-HUM
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The following shipments arrived in Finsterwalde (N 52/A 15):

- 20 July. A train from Bad Saarow, consisting of eight cars with 32 reels of ground cable and 20 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets. From Bad Saarow, 12 cars with signal equipment, four trucks and about 30 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets. (1) A train from Trebbin consisting of 16 flatcars with 16 trucks with building poles and equipment and about 30 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets. (2)
- 25 July. A train from Forst Zinna, consisting of 43 flatcars, 8 boxcars with 37 trucks, 5 BA-64 armored scout cars, 1 sedan and soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets. (3)
- 26 July. A train from Trebbin, consisting of 13 flatcars and 8 converted boxcars with 18 trucks with signal equipment and about 120 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets. (2)
- 27 July. A train from Koenigsbrueck, consisting of 51 cars with about 50 trucks and about 200 troops with black-bordered black epaulets. (4) Another shipment from Koenigsbrueck was expected to arrive on 27 July.
- All units departed for Buergerheide, 1 km west of Finsterwalde, which has been placed off limits for all civilians since 20 July. After 24 July, 32 new telephone lines were constructed from the airfield to Buergerheide.
- on 26 and 27 July, six trains with signal troops and, allegedly, engineer troops from Leipzig and Weimar were unloaded. The troops subsequently marched toward Oppelheim. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) a train from Drewitz was also dispatched to Finsterwalde on 20 July.
- (2) The signal regiment of the Third Gds Mecz Army is stationed in Trebbin.
- (3) The Hq Third Gds Mecz Army is stationed in the Adolf Hitler Camp south of Forst Zinna.
- (4) The shipments from Koenigsbrueck probably carried signal units of the First Gds Mecz Army.
- (5) The six shipments from Leipzig and Weimar are indicative of elements of the Eighth Gds Army. One of these shipments is believed to be the shipment dispatched from an undetermined station to Dobrilugk.

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- (6) The report tends to indicate that, after 20 July 1952, troops were concentrated in the Finsterwalde-Dobrilugk area, allegedly for a large-scale command-post exercise. The about 15 shipments which have arrived carried headquarters and signal units of the GOFG, of the First and Third Gds Mecz Armies and of the Eighth Gds Army.

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